

URBAN
DISTRICT OF STAINES.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health.

The
Urban District Council of Staines,
1920.

STAINES:
CAXTON COMPANY, MARKET SQUARE.

Staines Urban District Council.

Population at Census, 1911—6,754.

Area: 1844 Acres of Land, 74 Acres of Water.

*The Chairman and Members of the Staines Urban
District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1920.

POPULATION.

The Population (estimated) for Births and Deaths is, for 1920, 7161.

The Death Rates Population excludes all non-civilian Males whether serving at home or abroad. The non-civilian element has been distributed throughout the districts in the country in proportion to their estimated civilian population.

BIRTHS.

The total number of Births registered was 167 an increase of 54 since 1918.

Fourteen of these Births were illegitimate.

Of the Births 84 were males and 83 females.

The Birth Rate was 23 per 1,000 as compared with 14 per 1,000 in 1918.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales for the same period (1920) was 25.4 per 1,000. The Birth Rate of 148 smaller towns (Census Populations 20,000—50,000) being 24.9 per 1,000.

DEATHS.

The Deaths numbered 61.

Of these 28 were males and 33 females.

The Deaths under 1 year of age numbered 8, all legitimate.

Cancer caused 10 Deaths, 6 males and 4 females.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis caused a like number of male and female Deaths.

Heart Disease and Bronchitis each caused 8 Deaths.

There were no Deaths from violence.

One Death in every six was due to Cancer, a high percentage.

The Death Rate was 8.5 per 1,000.

This compares favourably with the Death Rate for England and Wales for the same period which was 12.4 per 1,000, and that of the 148 smaller towns which was 11.3 per 1,000.

INFANTILE DEATH RATE.

A comparison of the eight Infantile Deaths with the 167 Births gives a Death Rate of 46.8 per 1,000.

The Infantile Death Rate for England and Wales for the same period was 80 per 1,000.

ZYMOTIC DISEASE.

Twenty-five cases were notified during the year. Fourteen were cases of Scarlet Fever, eight

of Diphtheria, two of Erysipelas and one of Puerpual Septicaemia. The majority were removed to the Isolation Hospital and there were no deaths.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Six fresh cases were notified during the year.

There were 12 Deaths from Tuberculosis, 10 from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 1 from Tuberculosis Meningitis and 1 from Surgical Tuberculosis.

One death in every six was due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis, the same as from Cancer.

This is a high percentage.

The Dispensary is open once a fortnight for examining cases and arranging Sanitorium or other treatment.

The Dispensary is a great asset, as a Tuberculosis Specialist is in attendance there for examining and arranging about the treatment of cases.

Houses and Housing Accommodation.

Housing Accommodation is still pretty severely taxed.

The following Table shows the Work done in this Department during the year.

Cautionary Notices served	....	....	52
Work carried out	....	....	15
Work partially carried out	....	....	15
Number of Housing Inspections made	....		140
" " " Re-inspections made			234

Factories, Workshops, Workplaces and Homework.

The following Table shows Work done.

<i>Premises</i>				<i>Inspections.</i>
Factories	....	....	....	33
Workshops	....	....	....	96
Workplaces	....	....	....	15

TOTAL 144

Defects found in Factories, Work-shops and Workplaces.

		<i>Number of Defects.</i>	
		<i>Found.</i>	<i>Remedied.</i>
Want of Cleanliness	....	11	5
Unsuitable or Defective	....	3	—
Breach of Sanitary Requirements			
for Bakehouses....	...	6	6

Water Supply.

This has been analysed frequently during the year.

The results of these Analyses have shown that the Water Supply is good.

The Report of the last Analysis, received last month, was highly satisfactory.

There has been no case of illness which could be attributed to the Water Supply.

Sewage and Sewage Disposal.

More than 90% of the houses drain into the sewage and the Sewage is treated by filtration and the effluent discharged into the River Ash.

Schools.

These are all in good condition.

There has been no great amount of Infectious Disease amongst the scholars and no School has had to be closed on that account.

Cowsheds, Dairies and Milk Shops.

The Veterinary Inspector reports on these Quarterly.

I attach a Table showing the Causes of Death in the District for the year.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. C. MANN.

May, 1921.

Causes of Death in Staines Urban District 1919.

CAUSES OF DEATH.				MALES.	FEMALES.
ALL CAUSES (Civilians only) . .				28	33
1	Enteric fever	...	...	—	—
2	Small-pox	...	...	—	—
3	Measles	...	...	—	—
4	Scarlet fever	...	...	—	—
5	Whooping cough	...	...	—	—
6	Diphtheria and croup	...	...	—	—
7	Influenza	...	...	1	—
8	Erysipelas	...	...	—	—
9	Pulmonary tuberculosis...	...	...	6	4
10	Tuberculous meningitis...	...	...	1	—
11	Other tuberculous diseases	...	...	—	1
12	Cancer, malignant disease	...	...	6	4
13	Rheumatic fever	...	...	—	—
14	Meningitis	...	...	—	—
15	Organic heart disease	...	...	4	4
16	Bronchitis	...	...	3	5
17	Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	1	—
18	Other respiratory diseases	..	...	—	—
19	Diarrhœa, &c., (under 2 years)	...	...	—	—
20	Appendicitis and typhlitis	...	...	—	—
21	Cirrhosis of liver	...	...	1	—
21A	Alcoholism	...	...	—	—
22	Nephritis and Bright's disease	...	...	—	1
23	Puerperal fever	...	...	—	—
24	Parturition, apart from puerperal fever	...	...	—	1
25	Congenital debility, &c....	...	...	1	5
26	Violence, apart from suicide	...	...	—	—
27	Suicide	...	...	—	—
28	Other defined diseases	...	...	4	8
29	Causes ill-defined or un-known	...	...	—	—

				MALES	FEMALES
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age, total				2	6
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—

TOTAL BIRTHS	...	...	...	84	83
Legitimate	...	...	...	79	74
Illegitimate	...	...	...	5	9

Population (for births and deaths) .. 7161.

